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SUBJECT: EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH SOVIET JEWS

- 1. DURING MAY 19 VISITS TO WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT (WHERE SHE MET WITH EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS), RECENT EMIGRANT DINA BEILINA REPORTED THAT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN MOSCOW THOUGHT RAY SMITH'S CONTACTS WITH MOSCOW JEWS HAD BEEN CUT BACK UPON INSTRUCTIONS OF EMBASSY. SHE INDICATED THEY WERE AWARE HE HAD CHANGED JOBS, AND WERE CONCERNED HE MAY HAVE BEEN DEMOTED BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH JEWS.
- 2. DEPTOFF INFORMED WHITE HOUSE AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, BEILINA THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT SMITH IS CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH SOVIET JEWS, AND THAT CHANGE FROM CONSULAR TO POLITICAL SECTIONS WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SMITH'S WISHES. VANCE

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